

There are several proposed that I am opposed to that I want you to know about. Specifically, you are considering a proposal that would force every radio station to take programming advice from community advisory boards broadly representative of an area's population. That means that Christian broadcast stations could be forced to take programming advice from people whose values are at odds with the Gospel! A well organized group of atheists, abortionists or secular humanists could demand representation – and have standing to cause trouble at the FCC if they were turned away. This could cause any Christian Broadcaster who stands up to the pressure and refuses to compromise on matters of conscience, could find his or her station's license renewal tied up for many years as the FCC considers complaints and allegations over nothing more than the station's chosen broadcast message. You are also proposing new regulations that require a station to report, every three months, how much programming of various types has been broadcast, who produced it, and how it reflects the interests of a cross-section of local residents – even those who do not share Gospel values. If enacted, such requirements will give Christian Radio's opponents powerful new tools to harass and possibly silence Gospel inspired voices. Armed with these reports, adversaries can file complaints against Christian Broadcasters who refuse to compromise on Gospel principles; any Christian Station that insists on only pure Gospel programming could be made to pay a high price for its refusal to yield airtime to those with other messages. One of your proposed variations would even force stations to grant a certain amount of airtime to any group that requests it – much like cable television systems make time available on "public access channels." But unlike public access channels, which were created as a kind of open public forum, Christian Radio is a combination of pulpit and mission. The government cannot force messages from any pulpit, nor insist that missionaries promulgate viewpoints contrary to the Gospel. The same way, it should not be forcing Christian Radio stations to deliver the messages promulgated by secular humanists, abortionists or atheists. These are just a few examples of the ways that your new proposal stifles our freedom of speech and religion. I will be sending a copy of this letter to my congressman to let him know that we are having our constitutional rights threatened. Search your heart and I know that you will do the right thing in eliminating these proposals from your agenda.

Many thanks and love through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
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